


REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 7-13, 15-17, 19-23, 25-27, and 29-30 are pending in the application. Claims 24 and 28 were canceled in applicants' reply to office action filed on June 14, 2005. Claim 5 was canceled in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in the office communication mailed September 23, 2005.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections and allow the pending claims. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

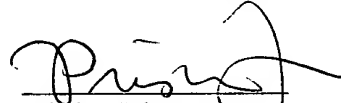
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